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TAGS: SHUM, TH

SUBJECT: ARREST OF THREE THAI IN SURIN

REF: STATE 167354 (NOTAL)

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL AMBASSADOR RECEIVED JULY 17 COMMERCIAL TEL FROM "MASSACHUSETTS COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS" IN NANTUCKET AS FOLLOWS: QTE WE NOTE WITH DISMAY THE INCREASING USE OF SUMMARY EXECUTIONS IN THAILAND AND ASK YOUR ATTENTION THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT RPT NOT GROSSLY ABUSED BY THE SCHEDULED EXECUTION OF THE SURIN THREE. END QTE.

2. APPEATS THAT THE "SURIN THREE" ARE IDENTICAL WITH THE THREE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN REFTEL. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED ITS FILES AND DISCUSSED MATTER WITH AMCONSUL UDORN. WE FIND NO RPT NO RECORD OF ARREST OF "SURIN THREE" OR OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED. AMCONSUL UDORN WILL LOOK INTO MATTER. WE NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COMMUNIST INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN SURIN PROVINCE, WHICH BORDERS CAMBODIA, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ARREST WAS RELATED TO SUCH ACTIVITY.

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3. THRE HAVE BEEN SEVEN PERSONS EXECUTED SUMMARILY UNDER ARTRICLE 21 OF THIA CONSITTUTION, NONE RPT NONE OF THEM FOR POLITICAL OFFENSES, WITH EXCEPTION OF GEN CHALAT HIRANYA-SIRI, WHO WAS EXECUTED FOR MARCH 26 COUP ATTEMPT.

4. SINCE EMBASSY HAS SO LITTLE INFO AVAILABLE ON THIS CASE AND AS IT APPEARS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT EXECUTION OF "SURIN

THREE"IS IMMINENT, WE PLAN TO POST PONE ANY APPROACH TO
RTG UNTIL WE KNOW SOMETHING OF THE FACTS ON THE MATTER.
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